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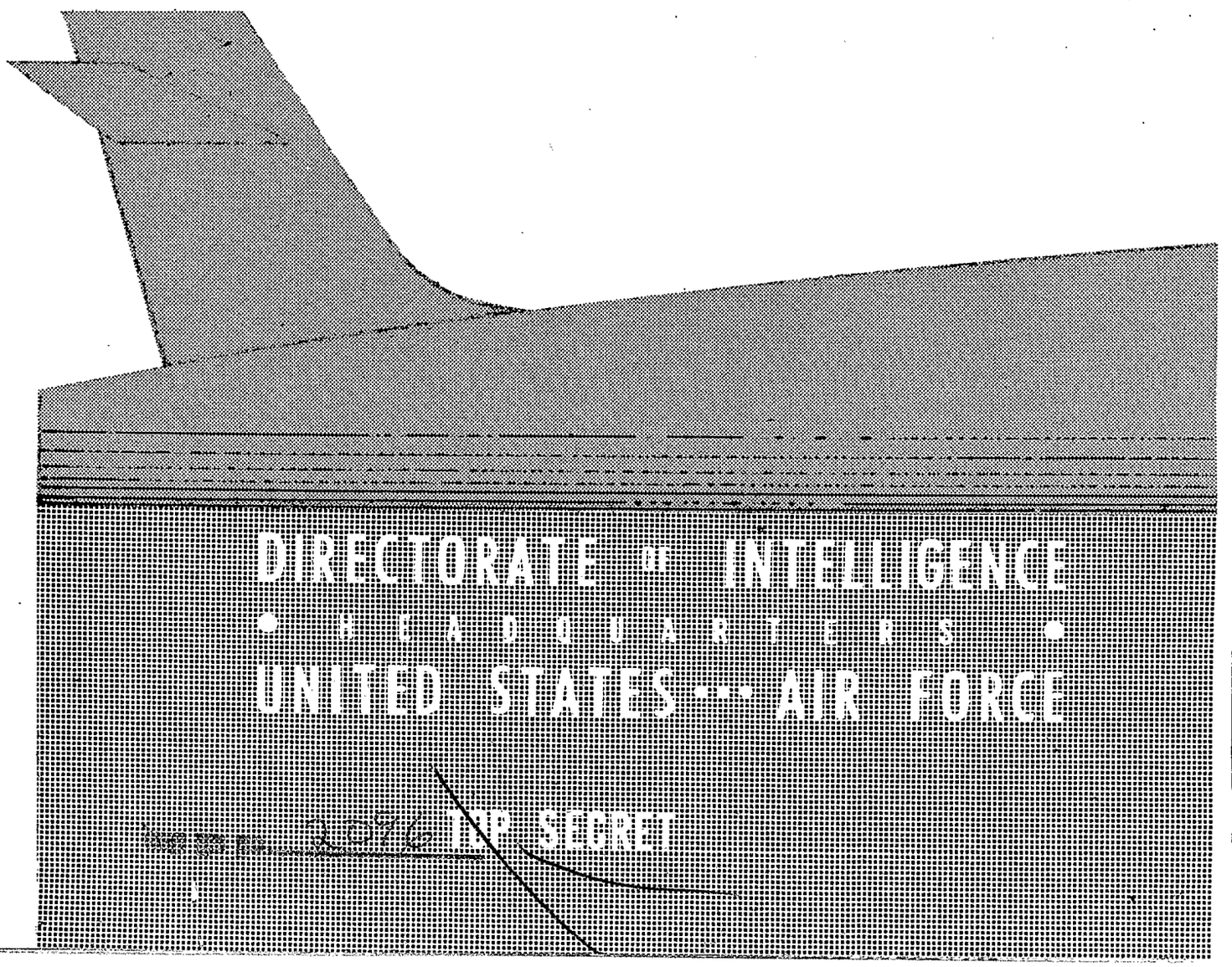

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BUILD-UP OF FIRST CLASS AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHERN MANCHURIA REVEALED.

Recent confirmed intelligence reveals that the Chinese Communists have expanded and improved five airfields in southern Manchuria into installations capable of supporting MIG-15's and, probably, Tu-4's in sustained operations. A sixth installation, Ta-Ku-shan (45 miles WSW of Antung), is currently under construction (See Tab A).

The five completed installations are: (1) Anshan (7,000-ft concrete runway), (2) Liaoyang West (6,750-ft concrete runway), (3) Mukden Southeast (6,750-ft concrete runway), (4) Mukden North (6,400-ft concrete runway), and (5) Mukden West (7,300-ft concrete runway). Construction of a new 7,000-ft runway on the old abandoned airfield site at Ta-Ku-shan is currently in progress.

The five new first class airfields in Manchuria, plus Antung, on the Manchurian-Korean border, and at least six airfields capable of supporting MIG-15's and probably Tu-4's in the Soviet leased area in the Kwangtung Peninsula, give the Chinese Communists and Soviets a combined total of at least 12 major air installations in southern Manchuria, plus one under construction.

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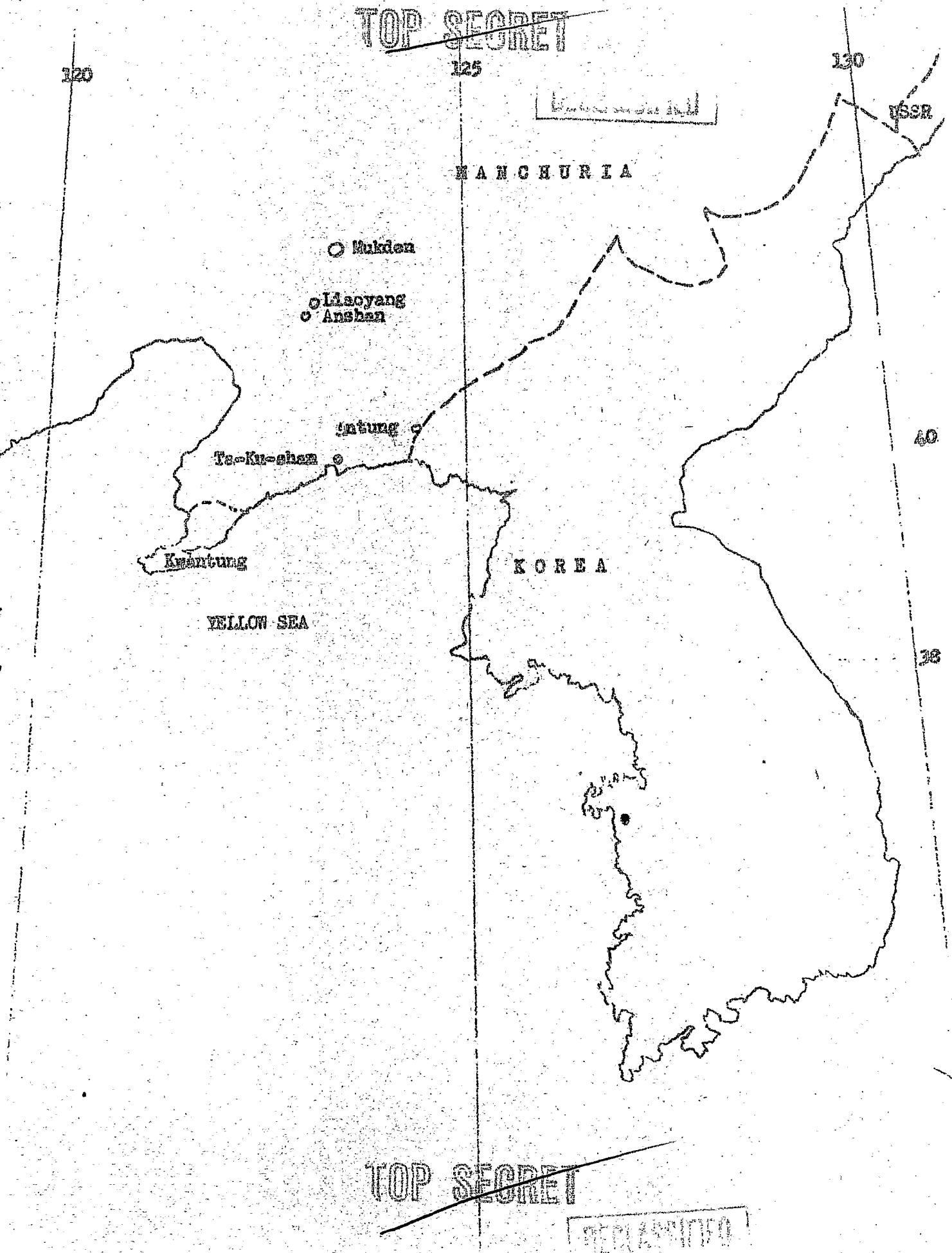

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Results of Aerial Photography of Manchuria Obtained Between 1200K and 1300K on 23 May 1951

Airfield	Total Aircraft	MIG-15's	Conv SE Aircraft*	Conv Multi-Eng Aircraft	Radar
Mukden No. 1	65	55	6	2 C-47's 2 u/i TE	RUS type radar on field
Mukden No. 2	76	44	30	1 C-47 1 B-24	RUS type radar possibly on field
Mukden No. 3	2	-	1	1 (prob Pe-2)	
Mukden No. 4	52	22	30		RUS type radar on field
Anshan (30 mi SSW of Mukden)	75	52	23		RUS type radar on field
Liaoyang (38 mi SSW of Mukden)	53	51	2		
Fengcheng (98 mi SSE of Mukden)	75	-	75		
Totals	398	224	167	7	

Four additional airfields were covered with the following results reported:

Ta-Sehn-Ching-Tzu	(10 mi E of Mukden)	No aircraft; reverted to farming.
Feng Chi-Pao	(15 mi S of Mukden)	No aircraft; abandoned.
Ken Chuan-Tzu	(60 mi SW of Mukden)	No aircraft.
Ta-Ku-Shan	(45 mi WSW of Antung)	No aircraft; under construction.

* The term conventional as used above means aircraft with straight wings. Some of the conventional single-engine types observed could be Yak-15 or MIG-9 jet fighters.

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